



Dear Parents,

This past Wednesday we celebrated the Assumption of Mary. This is the moment that Mary was taken up into heaven by God. As a Holy day of obligation, this day allows us to focus more deeply on our Blessed Mother and the importance that she has had on our lives and our world. It presents an opportunity to learn more and appreciate with a greater sense of gratitude, all that Mary's life here on earth has done, and continues to do for us.

As I have become older, my love for Our blessed Mother Mary has grown. I find myself seeking her prayers during the rosary, at Mass, as I struggle, and in thanksgiving. I envision Mary not only with the purest sense of outward beauty, but with a heart that is on fire with love for God. I feel comfort when I see her face. I am enveloped with love when I read about her saying "yes" to God through his Angel. Warmth, kindness, love, peace are all words that describe Mary for me.

I often wonder what our world, our lives, would be like if Mary would not have said yes to God. What would we look like as a people without Mary. Would we turn to earthly things to fill our void, like drugs, pornography, acts of immorality? Would we be lost without a purpose? Would wars continue over countless years because of man's mistakes? Would prison's outnumber churches and people lose hope in each other? What would our world look like without our Mother Mary.

It seems at times that we have lost sight of Mary in our lives. We see the statue. We hang our rosary on the mantle. We remember her story, but she is not a part of our spiritual life, a life that is only utilized when it is convenient for us. When we need something from God. When our lives need Him. When these earthly struggles are too much. We may then turn to Mary and ask her to pray to God for us occasionally, but Mary is for the most an afterthought for us. We know the prayer, we learned it at a young age, but the relationship we have with Mary is sometimes distant, sometimes shallow.

She carried Jesus in her womb for nine months. She birthed him on the faith-filled night. She raised him, with struggles and joys, much like we raised our children with one exception, her son was our Savior, he was the Son of God. She found him preaching in the temple. She watched as he performed miracles. She followed him on his path to Calvary. She held his dead body in her arms when he was taken down from the cross. She said "yes" to God, and God lifted her up into Heaven.

The gift of Mary is for all of us. Her example of love, kindness, peace and forgiveness, lives with us today. As we ask Mary to pray to God for us, we do so knowing that she is with Him. That she loves us. That she is always with us. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen. Have a great weekend and we will see you at Mass with your children!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

August	31		Teacher In-Service Day, No School
September	3		Labor Day, No School
	5		Picture Retakes
	7		1st Quarter Progress Reports
	24-28		Fall Spirit Week
	27-28		6th Grade Camp Tecumseh Trip



Another fun year of scouting adventure begins on August 21st!! The year-long program that includes: arts & crafts, swimming, hiking, camping, archery, outdoor cooking, B.B. rifle shooting, campfires, and pinewood derby are a part of the Scouting experience. Past years have included a police helicopter landing on our football field, birds of prey demonstrations, trained canine police officers, and rising 50 feet into the air on a fire engine bucket.

Pack 92 at St. Mark will have a registration night beginning at 6:30 pm in Monsignor Schafer Hall on Tuesday, August 21st. Boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade (ages 5 to 10) are invited to attend with an adult. Bring a buddy along too, because Scouting with your best friend lasts a lifetime.

An adult representative will be at school to talk about Scouting and answer questions. A recent BSA membership policy change allows the entire family to participate. Parents' questions about Pack structure can be answered at registration night. Questions that can't wait can be directed to John Hibner at hibnerjohn@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

Lunch Menu - August 20 thru 24

Monday	Seasoned Beef Taco Meat, Nacho Cheese, Tortilla Chips, Refried Beans and Queso
Tuesday	Popcorn Chicken in Asian Sauce, Fried Rice and Sugar Snap Peas
Wednesday	Cheesy, Ketchupy, Beef Burger and French Fries
Thursday	Beef Meatballs in Gravy, Bow Tie Pasta, Green Beans and Banana Bread
Friday	Popcorn Chicken, Wild Mike's Cheese Filled Breadstick Bites and Sweet Potato Fries

CONTINUING FUNDRAISERS



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. You will need your Kroger Plus Card Number.



Box Tops

Please place Box Tops in the collection box in the church narthex or turn in to the school office.



Coca-Cola Rewards Program is back this year!

Caps and boxes that have a "My Official Coke Rewards Code" on them Can be redeemed for money and the money goes back to St. Mark School! Just turn your coke reward products into Mrs. Leszcynski in the office.



CYO SPORTS

For CYO athletic questions, please contact one of the following on the St. Mark Athletic Commission Board:

- SMAC President ~ Andy Swiezy at the following email:
andyswiezy83@gmail.com
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Kris Able at the following email:
kable@stmarkindy.org.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
Cadet Kickball	Monday (8/20)	Nativity	5:00, Nativity
56 Kickball	Tuesday (8/21)	OL Greenwood	5:00, OL Greenwood
56 Kickball	Wednesday (8/22)	St. Barnabas	5:00, St. Mark
3 Kickball	Wednesday (8/22)	Ss. Francis & Clare	5:00, SSFC
4 Kickball	Wednesday (8/22)	Immaculate Heart	6:00, St. Mark
Cadet Kickball	Thursday (8/23)	Holy Name	5:00, St. Mark
3 Kickball	Thursday (8/23)	Nativity	6:00, St. Mark
4 Kickball	Friday (8/24)	St. Simon	6:00, St. Mark

RONCALLI REBEL NEWS



Parent Information Night at Roncalli High School on Students and the Digital Age

Parents of 4th - 8th Grade Students:

South Deanery Schools invites you to a special screening of the film *Screenagers*, which is about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help them minimize harmful effects and find balance.

When: August 21st or August 22nd @ 7:00pm (Film is approximately an hour with a parent discussion to follow)

Where: Roncalli High School Auditorium

Tickets: No Tickets Needed

To find out more information about the film and parent resources visit:
<https://www.screenagersmovie.com/>

This fall, Indy Junior Rebels Lacrosse (Roncalli Lacrosse's feeder program) will be hosting the first ever southside Fall league!



Visit jrrebellax.com for the registration link.

Who: any boy or girl, grades K-8 (teams will be based on grade level/age and will be divided between girls and boys since the rules of the games vary) at any South Deanery school or parish – others can join too by contacting Julie Aldrich at juliealdrich@att.net

When: Season will run from mid-August to early October

Format: 3v3 or more, based on team numbers. Small goals and sticks will be used, along with soft lacrosse balls. This league will focus on the basics of lacrosse, while having fun with other students from your schools.

Practices will be held twice a week with games held on Saturdays at Roncalli High School. There will be a season finale tourney on **Saturday, October 6th**.

Cost: just \$40 per athlete, and this will include a t-shirt to keep

Coaches: coaches will be members of the high school teams, trained by IJR staff with practice plans for each session. We will need a parent point person for each team to be present at every practice and game, in case of emergencies.

Please call, text, or email Julie Aldrich with any questions. juliealdrich@att.net, 317-496-7339

REBEL WRESTLING FOUNDATION



Rebel Wrestling Foundation registration for grades Pre-K - 12 will begin on September 4, 2018, during Tuesday and Thursday practices at the Roncalli High School Wrestling Room. There are two membership options: Option 1 is a full year membership 9/1/18-8/31/19, and Option 2 is a seasonal membership 10/30/18-3/12/19. You can register at any time throughout the year. Details and forms can be found on the website - rebelwrestlingfoundation.org OR contact Coach McClurg @ 317-501-8306, wrestling@roncalli.org